

Appl. No. 10/821,523
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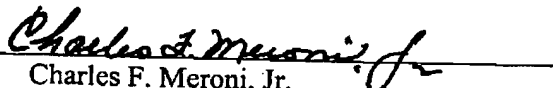
REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the U.S. Patent Examiner has indicated that Claim Nos. 1 - 21 are pending in the application. Claim Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7 - 9, 12, 13, 17, and 21 have been rejected and Claim Nos. 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14 - 16, and 18 - 20 have been objected to. The U.S. Patent Examiner has further objected to the Specification (i.e. the Abstract), but has approved the Drawings. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has made a number of amendments to the Abstract and Claims sections as instructed by the U.S. Patent Examiner. Thus, it is believed that this amended patent application is now in immediate condition for allowance, and such action is kindly requested. If, after a review of this Amendment, issues remain which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the U.S. Patent Examiner is cordially invited to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

If attempts to reach the undersigned attorney are not successful, please be advised that Christopher J. Scott, Registration No. 48,647, may also be contacted with regard to this matter. Mr. Scott has been in regular communication with the undersigned regarding the Office Action and this Amendment. Further, Mr. Scott is listed under our Firm's Customer Number with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, namely, Customer Number 30114, and thus may be deemed a proper representative of Applicants.

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